

- 10 Brief notes were made many years ago from the Gillows papers when they were kept at Gillows furniture works at Lancaster, from volumes then known as a "Waste Book" 1742-53 and a "Letter Book" 1746-59. The papers are now in Westminster Public Library.
- 11 I am grateful to the Keeper of Enquiry Services at the Guildhall Library, London, for information from London Directories.

#### THE HISTORY OF WALLASEY IN UNIVERSITY THESES

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There are few books on the history of Wallasey; *The Rise and Progress of Wallasey* (2nd. edn. 1960) by E. C. Woods and P. C. Brown is the most popular. There are also references to Wallasey in books like *The Wirral Peninsula* (1955) by Norman Ellison. In addition there are a number of University theses concerned with Wallasey and this note contains summaries of those with which I am acquainted. The original documents are in the relevant University Library, although copies of a number have been deposited in the reference library in Earlston Road, Wallasey.

C. Humphreys, 'The re-organisation of Education in the County Borough of Wallasey 1961-1968', M.Ed. University of Manchester (1968). Copy in Wallasey reference library.

The author, who was an assistant Director of Education in Wallasey in the sixties, describes the changes in the Borough's education system from one based on selection at 11+ to a comprehensive one. Although it is mainly concerned with Wallasey, references are made to the Leicestershire system, the Doncaster Campus System and other schemes of non-selective education. He describes the system as it existed in 1961 and the beginnings of re-organisation; analyses the opposition to the re-organisation, considers the implementation of six different possible schemes of comprehensive education within the borough, and the three tier system which was adopted. This thesis is succinctly written, based entirely on original documents and is a valuable contemporary account of a system which the author put into operation within the space of a few years. There is an appendix listing documents consulted.

E. C. Colbeck, 'Commercial Education on Merseyside', M.A. University of Liverpool (1945).

This thesis contains a chapter on Wallasey. The author, principal of the Commercial Institute, traces the development of evening classes ('night schools') in centres scattered throughout the Borough, and discusses the 'Course system' (whereby young people had to study a group of related subjects rather than a single subject), and the moral and educational value of evening classes. The failure of the Borough to implement the 1918 (Fisher) Act and set up day continuation classes is lamented. The major part of the chapter concerns the weakness of further education in Wallasey as revealed by the 1936 General Inspection and the setting up of an evening Commercial Institute.

C. A. Humphreys, 'The Development of Catholic Education in Wallasey in the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries'. M.Ed. University of Liverpool (1972). Copy in Wallasey reference library.

The author, a former head teacher of a Roman Catholic Middle School, is now an educational adviser. In the introduction he records the sacrifices and determination necessary to meet the crippling financial commitments required to establish these denominational schools. The writer maintains that the local developments cannot be divorced from the national system, and each chapter contains a general description of developments in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and, a parallel description of Catholic education throughout this country. Emphasis is given to the poverty of Roman Catholics in the nineteenth century as many had fled from Ireland after the potato famine of 1845-6; the antipathy of the Roman Catholic Church to education in the nineteenth century is also discussed, along with fears that Roman Catholics would be forced to attend 'board schools'. The appendixes are a mine of useful information and data, much of which is inaccessible today. Altogether it is a monumental piece of work.

P. J. Emery, 'Wallasey Pool - the birthpangs of a port'. M.A. University of Liverpool (1959). Copy in Wallasey reference library.

The author, a former headteacher in Wallasey, made much use of local newspapers as a source of information. The late Francis E. Hyde made extensive use of this thesis in his book: *Liverpool and the Mersey: An Economic History of a port 1700-1870* (1971), pp. 83-88.

W. B. Thorp, 'The Growth of Wallasey and its future development'. M.A. University of Liverpool (1936). The only copy extant is in the Sydney Jones's Library of the University of Liverpool.

This is one of the potentially most useful theses on Wallasey and was also written by a local headmaster. Chapter One concerns the physical setting of Wallasey. Chapter Two traces the development of Wallasey from 1811 to 1846; extensive use is made of the 1809 and 1811 Enclosure Acts, the census returns and early editions of the maps of the Ordnance Survey. Chapter Three deals with the growth of population and communications together with the progress in Local Government up until 1918. Chapter Four covers the years after the First World War and is concerned with the growth of population and settlements; the development of New Brighton and of public services concludes this chapter. The final chapter is on regional and town planning in the Wirral and Wallasey. There are a number of maps and diagrams and several appendixes of statistics.

Two other theses also use data from Wallasey. Mrs C. Coleman, a local careers teacher, 'An investigation of Girls' Job Perceptions'. M.Ed. University of Liverpool (1977). Mr J. A. Lavin, sometime Head of Department of Engineering and Science at the former Wallasey College of Further Education has written An Introduction and development of Comprehensive Secondary Education in North Wirral, M.Ed. Aberystwyth (1978); this is of wider scope than Colin Humphrey's thesis on Secondary Re-organisation in Wallasey. In conclusion the present writer's thesis on the History of Part-time and Further Education in Wallasey is at an advanced stage of preparation.